

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Picture 5

Other Known Title: 254.jpg

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Christchurch

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *Picture 5* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(e) if the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports bestiality. The publication encourages the idea that bestiality is an acceptable and normal sexual expression, and encourages the viewer to regard animals as freely available for their sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.